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Enclosed are:

- Two (2) Sheets of drawings.
- Assignments of the invention to: Kiyohito Ishida, Dokuritsu Gyousei Houjin Sangyo Gijutsu Sougo, Kenkyusho, Katsunari Oikawa, and Daido Tokushuko Kabushiki Kaisha
- Certified copies of the Japanese priority applications Nos. 2001-060782 filed March 5, 2001, 2001-060809, filed March 5, 2001, and No. 2001-278579, filed September 13, 2001.
- An associate power of attorney.
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